A.—(a) The fee payable for the grant of 'G' permits for motor vehicles to ply for hire was fixed in 1916. The scale of fares payable by passengers and the rates of licence fees are determined by each District Board by means of by-laws framed under sub-section (2) of section 166 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920. As the by-laws were adopted by the several District Boards on different dates no particular date can be given.

(b) The Government believe so.

(c) The Government have no information.

(d) No.

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—"With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I know whether he will consider the proposal to reduce the rates of charges for motor vehicles ?"

The hon. the President :—"The question has already been answered."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—"May I submit that the answer of the Government is that they have not considered the desirability of reducing the rates? My present question is whether they will consider the question now."

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"No, Sir."

Panchayat Courts

Villagers in each community eligible for membership of the Pudupadi Village Panchayat Court.

*791 Q.—Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of resident adult male villagers, among Brahmans, Non-Brahmans and Adi-Dravidas, eligible to be members of the Pudupadi Village Panchayat Court, Wallajah taluk, North Arcot district?

A.—Brahmans 11, Non-Brahmans 8, and Adi-Dravidas 1.

Police

Alleged shooting and torture by the Police in Kurnool district.

* 792 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : With reference to the reply to my question No. 354 answered on 27th August 1927, regarding shooting and torture by the Police in Kurnool district, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place the information called for on the table of the House?

A.—Yes. A statement is laid on the table. [a]

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"I see from the appendix that the statement is given for the year 1927. My question was what was the number of cases of torture and shooting from 1925 up to date. Am I to take it that in 1925 and 1926 there were no torture cases ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"The information placed on the table is all that has been reported to the Government. I will make further enquiries whether there were any cases in 1925 and 1926."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 400 infra.